



MARCONI SOCCER

Philips Soccer League



F. Valcareggi with R. Vieri, G. Byrne and F. Fontana

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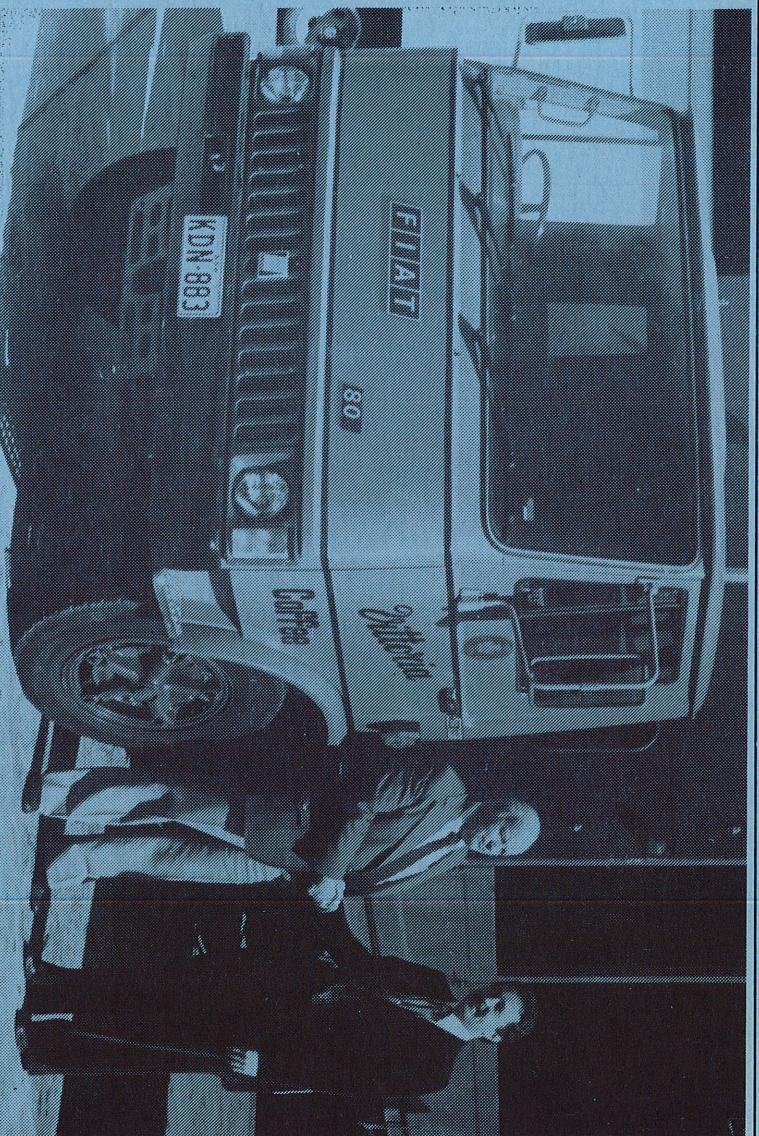
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EDITORIAL:

The Coach Comments

by LES SCHEINFLUG

When I look back on this memorable season in Marconi's history, I believe the really important match - the one which ensured our Philips League Championship - was the 2 - 0 home win against Apia.

When the teams went on to the field, I still had a few lingering doubts: there was always the outside chance of the team being caught on the winning post.

But 90 minutes later, the title was in the bag.

I know it was not a classic match. There was too much unpleasantness, too much aggression.

That should not have surprised anyone. In the past, Apia v Marconi games have always had their share of needle.

The teams are old enemies as well as being the best of friends!

There was plenty of prestige at stake this time. Marconi had to win to clinch the title while Apia were desperate to halt a run of poor results.

The 2 - 0 win, with goals from Peter Sharne and Eddie Krncevic, was a fair reflection of the play.

I'm sure my boys deserved their victory.

A week later, we had a let-down. Nobody seemed surprised when Newcastle KB United had a 2 - 1 win against us. Maybe the loss was excusable complacency on our part.

I'm not the type to make excuses. The important final four series is nearly upon us and I am anxious to add that Championship to the PSL crown.

This is not the time for players to take things easily. Plenty of time for relaxing after the season is over.

Today's match against Sydney Olympic will be another hard one. Olympic are desperate to pick up a point while the threat of relegation hangs over them.

I watched them last Sunday. They'll fight hard today.

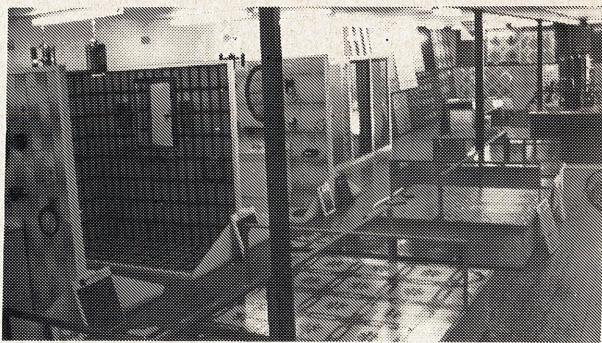
Let's hope it's a clean game. There have been too many tough matches recently. It's time for referees to get stricter before things get too tough.

The Marconi players have promised to put on a top display because that's the only way they can say "thanks" to the thousands of Marconi supporters who have been such an encouragement this year.

In our last home game of the season, it would be nice to finish on a winning note.



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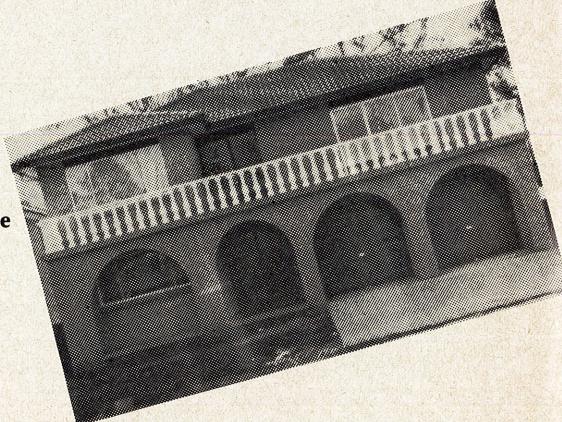
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Chairman's Message

Fellow members and supporters, I take this opportunity, being our last programme for this year, to state that Marconi are the Champions this year, 1979. I would like to praise Les Scheinflug for this achievement, who after taking Marconi to First Division at his first attempt in 1969, has won Marconi a Premiership, again at his first attempt, having coached elsewhere for nine years. Thank you Les for your total dedication to Marconi Club.

I would also like to say how proud I am to have been associated with the greatest bunch of players I have met during my long association with Marconi in an official capacity. Thanks to all of you, from the old heads to the young ones, and also to those who have been so patient on the bench -- to our Masseur, Bruno Gallo, to our Gear Stewart, G. Polzot. To our Sponsors who contributed to the success of our team, namely, Fiat Trucks, Cantarella Bros., Alitalia. Also to those who through the year have dipped into their pockets to support our team.

My thanks also go to my Soccer Committee, the Board of Directors, and, in particular the Management (Mr. Fabbroni and Mr. Corolla), our Restaurant staff, Sam and Delzio, and all the other staff members who assisted in every way through the year.

Livio Sartoretto owing to personal reasons was not able to continue as Secretary of Soccer, however, I would like to thank him for his efforts and dedication during his time spent with us.

But there is one person I cannot thank enough and it is, non other than, Mick Daniel, our Caretaker Secretary, who has always been a great asset to our Club. Also, always ready to help and assist, our Soccer Assistant Secretary, Adriana Miglino and Jenny Clark. Thank you for your help throughout the year.

To our First Division teams, coached by Mr. Nesti and Mr. Ron Corry and managed by Mr. Fred Masonwells, thank you for your efforts and achievements in making Marconi the Club it is today. Congratulations also to our Juniors, to Mr. Jancek, their Coaching Co-ordinator, to Mr. F. Barone, our Committee Member in charge of Junior Soccer, to the Junior Committee, Managers and Coaches, to Mrs. Fogarty, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Juniors. A sincere thank you for your constant assistance through the year.

What can one say to a lady that never stops assisting soccer? There is no need for introduction for Mrs. Vicki Fontana, President of the Ladies Committee. With the assistance of a wonderful and co-operative committee of ladies, she has once again organised functions and also helped our Committee in raising funds for soccer. To those supporters that throughout the year have followed our team interstate, to those who have supported our team at home, thank you.

To the Press, whether ethnic or local, congratulations and thanks for the assistance you have given our Club. Together I am sure we will further strengthen soccer and make it one day the number one sport in this country.

Once again, to our Players and Coach on behalf of myself, Committees, Sponsors, Members and Supporters, thank you for bringing to Marconi the long awaited Premiership.

TONY LABBOZZETTA
SOCCER CHAIRMAN

Everybody Wants To Get Into The Act!

by DAVID JACK (Sydney Sun).



This weekend is deadline for applications for clubs wishing to join the Philips Soccer League.

There will be no shortage of applicants.

When I checked recently with Philips League Manager, John Frank, he confirmed that many teams had asked about playing in Australia's national competition.

Bearing in mind the huge expense of fielding a team in the PSL, it is gratifying to note so much interest.

Last week, I was one of several interstate media men invited to Canberra for the launching of Canberra Diplomats campaign for PSL status.

The Diplomats presented a convincing case.

Their main platform is continuity of PSL matches in the A.C.T., with local fans being able to watch a match every weekend.

With only one team in a city, that is impossible. And it was pointed out that Canberra went a month recently with no PSL fixture at home.

The danger there is that spectators can easily get out of the habit of attending a weekend match and they are hard to tempt back.

Canberra Diplomats have been promised good financial backing from two licensed clubs - the Italo Australia Club and the Marco Polo Club.

I believe the Diplomats have a lot going for them.

Possibly a new Wollongong club has even more going for it.

The south coast of New South Wales is the one area in Australia where PSL Soccer could not fail.

There is traditionally a large Soccer following there even though fans may have been driven away in recent years for a variety of reasons.

Newcastle KB United have proved the big success story of Philips League Soccer. Newcastle succeeded because they had a solid base of spectator support, no local opposition, intelligent administration and 100 per cent media support.

For the same reasons, Wollongong could be the next significant signing for the PSL.

Canberra Diplomats and Wollongong are only two of the clubs trying to gain admittance.

Parramatta has great potential. So has Blacktown City.

Grange Thistle from Queensland are keen to get in. Preston, Juventus and Frankston are the Victorian hopefuls.

I also hear rumblings from Tasmania and Western Australia where Soccer's national competition will have to spread eventually if it is to be truly national.

The picture is healthy. There cannot be much wrong with a competition which shows signs of growing far beyond its original frontiers.

Everybody wants to get into the act!

SOCER SUPPORTERS' RAFFLE

A SPECIAL RAFFLE IN SUPPORT OF MARCONI SOCCER WILL BE DRAWN ON SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1980, IN THE AUDITORIUM, TO COINCIDE WITH THE LONG WEEKEND OF JANUARY, 1980.

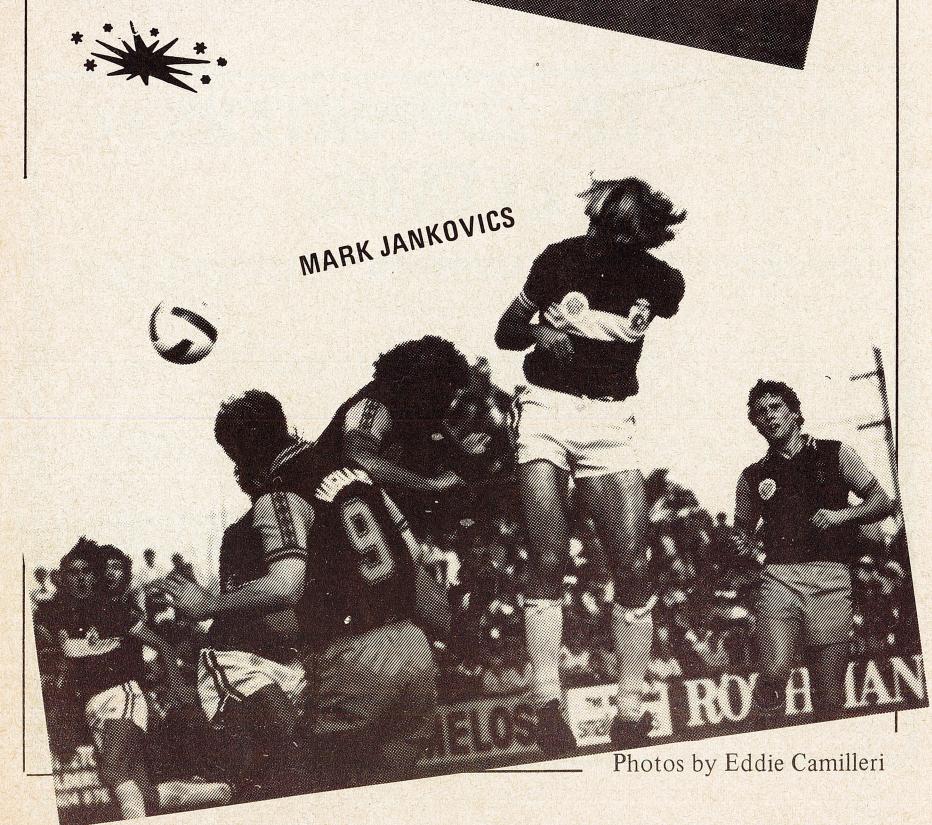
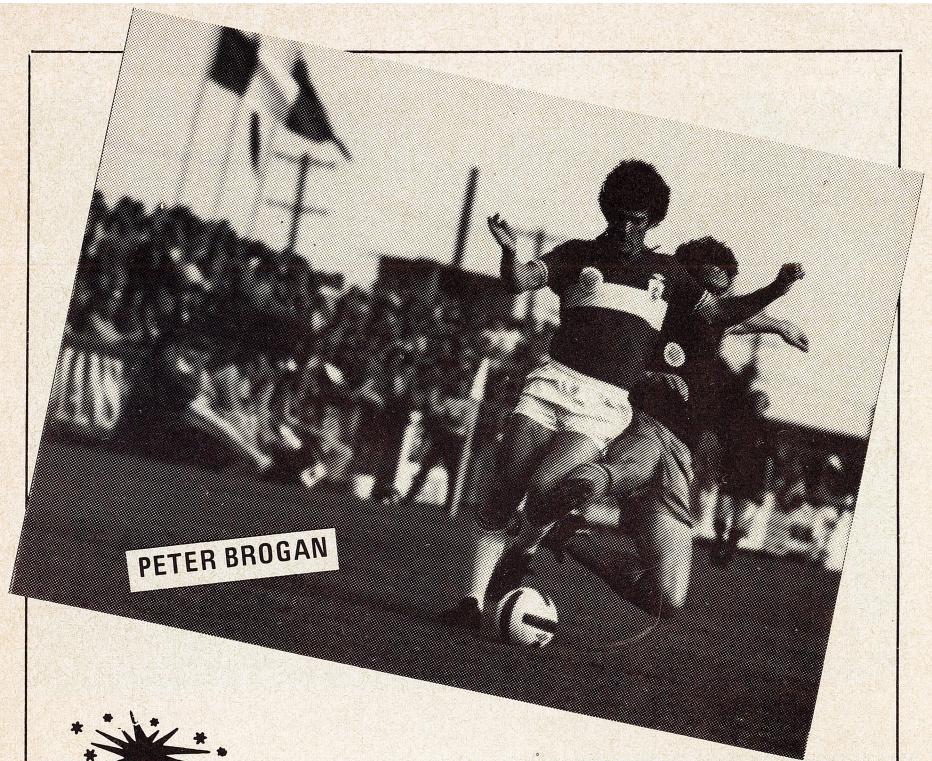
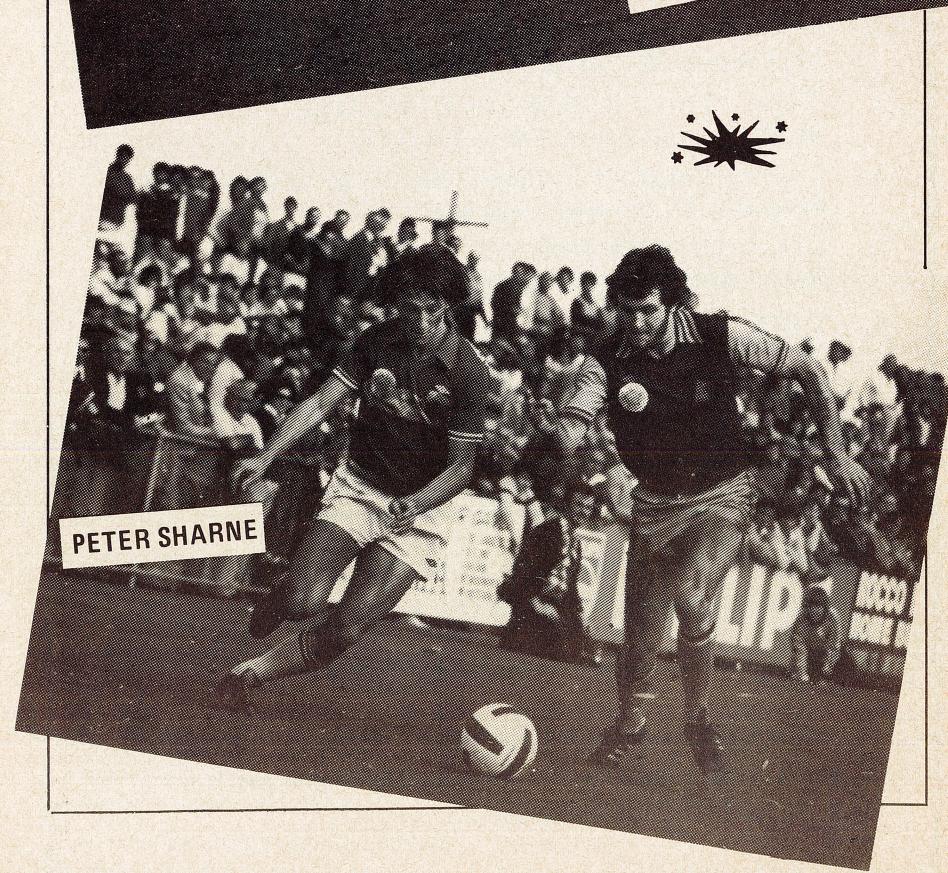
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"JUNIOR SOCCER NEWS"

We would like to introduce you to our Director of Junior Coaching, Mr. John Jancek.

Mr. Jancek joined Marconi in 1978. Last year he had the Under 19 Philips League Cup Finalists. He is also Vice President of N.S.W. Coaches Federation and Country Coach Lecturer.

This year he has been assisting Mr. Les Scheinflug with Marconi Philips Soccer League.

Mr. Jancek's ambition is to promote junior soccer in Marconi. On October 3rd, Mr. Jancek leaves Australia to travel Europe for coaching purposes.

I am sure we all wish him a very pleasant holiday and thank him for the fine job he is doing at Marconi for all juniors.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nutella-Ferrero for sponsoring the Juniors in our recent Gala Round Robin Tournament.

As the soccer season comes to a close for this year our thanks go to everyone for the support they have given us and trust that 1980 will be bigger and better.

G. McGregor,
Publicity Officer - Junior Soccer Ladies Auxiliary.

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Welcome to our visitors...

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic has often been called "the sleeping giant" of Australian Soccer.

When the giant finally emerges from its slumber - as it surely will - the code can expect record-breaking attendances at Philips League matches.

Olympic has a larger number of fans than any team in N.S.W. The trouble is those fans have had little to cheer about over the past years. Season after season Olympic (and previously Pan Hellenic) fail to win any of the game's honours. It is surprising that the team retains loyal support despite having a sideboard bare of trophies.

Once again this year, Sydney Olympic has had a disappointing season. Yet there is talent in the first team squad, now in the hands of caretaker-coach John Xipolitas.

Meet the players:

GARY MEIER: Goalkeeper. Although one of the best goalkeepers in N.S.W. in recent seasons, Meier is now having to fight hard to retain his place. At 25, he is strongly challenged by 17 year old Peter Wilson.

PETER WILSON: Goalkeeper. Brought into the side when Meier dislocated a finger. Wilson has performed with great skill and, though eight years younger, is rated the equal of Meier. Picked for Australia in the World Youth Championships sponsored by Cola in Paraguay.

DAVE MCINTOSH: Defender. A tall Scot whose main value to Olympic is his adaptability. Now playing right-back, McIntosh has also been selected at centre-half and in the forward line. Scored several goals with his head.

BILLY PALMER: Full-back. One of Olympic's longest-serving players, Palmer has never won a permanent first XI place but he rarely turns in a bad game. A most valuable defender though not a headline-seeker.

RICHARD BELL: Centre-half. Richie Bell had a promising international career beckoning when picked for Australia three years ago. Suffered severe knee injury on tour in Hamburg and has had to fight since to recover full fitness. An optometrist.

KEN WILSON: Centre-half. Many Sydney Olympic fans rate Wilson the top player in their team. At 21, he operates in a sweeping roll behind Bell. Started in the forward line but his Soccer improved dramatically with the switch to defence.

MIKE CROSS: Midfield. Joined Olympic in 1977 for the start of the first PSL campaign. A busy worker, formerly with Stockport County in England, Cross is still only 22. Could trouble Marconi today.

DEREK LAING: Winger. One of several Scots in the Olympic line-up, Laing has played consistently since arriving here at the start of last year. Signed from Dundee, always a danger man.

PETER RASKOPOULOS: Midfield. One of Australia's brightest young talents, this Sydney youngster has already achieved big things in youth international Soccer. A sure tip to go on to win many senior honours. Age 18, with plenty of improvement expected.

ALEX JAMIESON: Midfield. Signed from Ipswich Town in England's first division despite having more than one U.K. team on his trail. Jamieson has been unlucky this year, suffering a broken leg. An outstanding player, Olympic have badly missed his inspiration. Now almost back to full fitness.

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CLIVE EATON: Centre-forward. Eaton joined Olympic this year from Western Suburbs for a \$15,000 transfer fee but has not managed to achieve great success with his new team. Last year was joint top goalscorer in the Philips League with 14 goals. May be on the way back to his best after playing well against Sydney City last Sunday.

ALAN AINSLIE: Full-back. Another important Olympic player forced to sit out much of the season with injury. Ainslie has represented Australia on the left-wing and also at left-back so he is a useful utility player. Played for Berwick Rangers in Scottish first division before moving to St. George and later Western Suburbs in Sydnev. Possesses rocket shot in left boot.

MARK KOUSAS: Forward. A product of Olympic's junior teams, Kousas has played for the N.S.W. Youth Team. Age 16.

IAN ROWDEN: Full-back. Australian-born Rowden was Captain of the National Youth Team which played in Paraguay. Then with Apia, his transfer to Olympic was a surprise move. Originally developed his skills with the now defunct PSL team Wests.

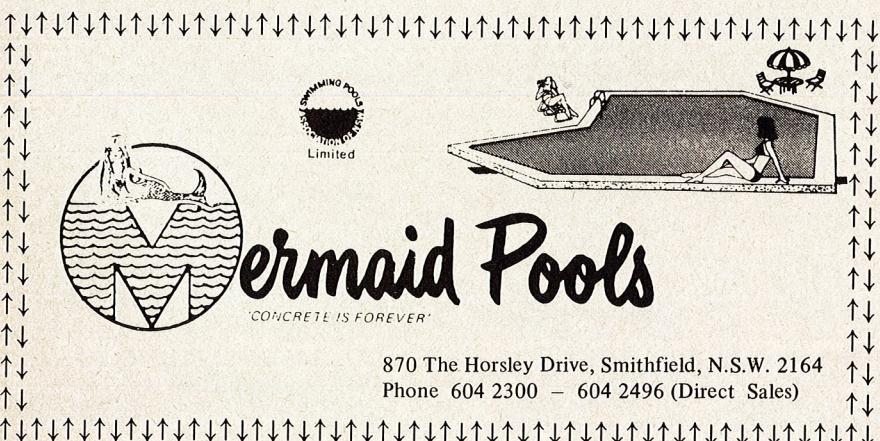
GRAHAM JENNINGS: Winger. One of several promising youth players honoured by Australia this year. Jennings was playing in the Northern N.S.W. State League with Adamstown Rosebuds when Olympic secured his transfer at bargain price. Could have a big future.

JIM MORRIS: Midfield. Although of Scottish parentage, Morris was born in Australia. An aggressive, hard-working, midfielder, he played with Croatia Sydney last year.

JOHN KARASPYROS: Defender. Joined Olympic last season from Marrickville Olympic. Was quickly promoted to the Australian XI which played Greece at the Sydney Cricket Ground. At 6 ft. 2 ins. he is ideally built for the full-back or centre-half positions. Age 18.

ANDY SCOTT: Centre-forward. Arrived at Olympic this year at about same time as Ian Rowden from the same club, Apia. Scott played non-League football in the north of England before moving to Australia to play for Wests. Hopes that he and Clive Eaton would produce many goals have not so far materialised.

LEO POULAS: Forward. For a pen picture of this player, you could almost repeat the information on Mark Kousas - they have a lot in common. Developed through Olympic junior teams and played for N.S.W. Youth side.



RESULTS OF LAST WEEKEND:

HEIDELBERG-SYDNEY OLYMPIC	2-1
NEWCASTLE KB UTD-MARCONI	2-1
CANBERRA CITY-ADELAIDE CITY	0-2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC-SYDNEY CITY	0-1
APIA-ST.GEORGE	1-0
HEIDELBERG-BRISBANE LIONS	0-0
WEST ADELAIDE-STH. MELBOURNE	0-1
BRISBANE CITY-FOOTSCRAY	2-1



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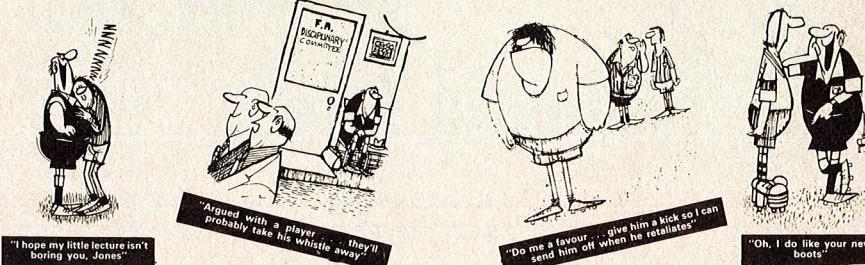
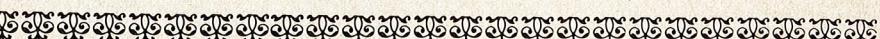
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4. JOHN RUSSELL
5. IVO PRSKALO
6. TONY HENDERSON
7. GARY BYRNE
8. ROBERTO VIERI
9. MARK JANKOVICS
10. BERTI MARIANI
11. PETER SHARNE
12. EDDIE KRNCVIC
13. STUART SELVAGE
14. KEN LINDSAY
15. BARRY JONES
16. MIKE BERRY

Colours: Blue & White Hoops

1. GARY MEIER
2. DAVE MCINTOSH
3. BILLY PALMER
4. RICHARD BELL
5. KEN WILSON
6. MIKE CROSS
7. DEREK LAING
8. PETER RASKOPOULOS
9. ALEX JAMIESON
10. CLIVE EATON
11. ALAN AINSLIE
12. MARK KOUSAS
13. IAN ROWDEN
14. GRAHAM JENNINGS
15. JIM MORRIS
17. JOHN KARASPYROS
18. ANDY SCOTT
20. PETER WILSON
- LEO POULOS

COACH: LES SCHEINFUG

COACH: JOHN XIPOLITAS

REFEREE:

RESULT:

SCORERS: Marconi

Sydney Olympic

POINTS TABLE:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARCONI	14	6	4	54	29	38
BRISBANE CITY	13	5	6	36	26	32
HEIDELBERG	12	7	5	38	27	32
SYDNEY CITY	14	3	7	43	25	32
ADELAIDE CITY	12	4	8	40	27	29
NEWCASTLE KB UTD	10	8	6	39	29	29
WEST ADELAIDE	10	4	10	28	28	25
APIA	10	3	11	26	31	23
CANBERRA CITY	6	8	10	24	35	20
BRISBANE LIONS	7	6	11	25	38	20
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	5	12	23	27	19
ST. GEORGE	6	5	13	25	42	17
FOOTSCRAY	7	3	14	24	39	17
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